



Focus on Religious Freedom

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"Opponents of Christianity will believe anything except Christianity." - G.K.Chesterton

Canceling Christianity Continues in America

"Cancel culture is the modern social attitude that controversial speech or behavior must be punished through public shaming, silencing, boycotting, firing, bankrupting, de-platforming, etc. The result is that the so-called offender's influence, presence, and/or reputation is 'canceled out.'" ⁽¹⁾

In America today, Christian figures and symbols have increasingly become the subject of debate and vandalism as protestors pull down statues of saints, such as St. Junipero Serra in CA, calling him a colonizer when he actually combated the cruelties of the Spanish colonizers. One prominent activist said that taking down statues of Jesus is acceptable so long as they depict Jesus as white, saying, "They are a form of white supremacy." ⁽²⁾

Opposition to core Christian beliefs on life, marriage, and gender, have affected many institutions and resulted in numerous lawsuits. An example is the Little Sisters of the Poor, forced by the government to provide objectionable healthcare insurance, have taken their case to the Supreme Court three times. Last summer, Msgr. Charles Pope, a popular D.C. priest, became a victim of the cancel movement after he led a religious procession to the Emancipation Memorial and read Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. He received so many online attacks, he had to shut down his accounts.

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Happening Now: Satanic Temple suing Boston City over Opening Prayer

The Satanic Temple has sued Boston after the city council declined to allow Satanists to deliver an invocation at the start of its meetings. The group, which has lodged freedom of religion challenges nationwide, said that the council's policy for its opening prayer is discriminatory and unconstitutional because it does not permit prayer from every religious organization that wishes to deliver one.

However, our laws do not require that Satanism be protected as a religion because it is, in fact, not a religion. It is irreligion or anti-religion, meant to deny devotion to God. "Its goal is to produce a society where religion is no longer viewed as a duty or inalienable right. Thus, granting Satanism religious-freedom protections undermines rather than strengthens religious-freedom rights by directly attacking their foundation: the existence of a Creator who is the source of unalienable rights." ⁽³⁾

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"Evil triumphs when good men do nothing." - Thomas Jefferson